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Rep. Bill Whitmire appointed to EOC

Columbia – Representative Bill Whitmire of Walhalla, SC has been appointed to serve as the newest member of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC).

Whitmire, a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives since 2003, is the designee of the House Education and Public Works Committee's Chairman, Representative Phil Owens.

A graduate of Walhalla public schools and Piedmont College, Whitmire is Chairman of the K-12 Subcommittee of the House Education and Public Works Committee. He also serves on the House Rules Committee and the Commission on Higher Education Screening Committee. He is a past member of both the South Carolina Council on Accreditation and School Improvement and the Education Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference.

Prior to his political career, Whitmire served in the 391st Infantry Training Division of the United States Army Reserves for six years. He is a member of the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce and the Westminster Chamber of Commerce.

Active in his community, Whitmire, served as Mayor Pro Tempore of Walhalla for two years before serving as the city's mayor from 2000 to 2002. He is a member of the Walhalla Rotary Club and is a past member of the Walhalla chapters of the Lions Club, Sertoma Club, and Jaycees. Additionally, he served as the public announcer for Walhalla High School Football from 1993 to 2008.

Whitmire is a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church, and previously served as Chairman of the church's Outreach Committee. He and his wife Kathy have three children.

The SC Education Oversight Committee is an independent, non-partisan group made up of 18 educators, business persons, and elected leaders. Created in 1998, the committee is dedicated to reporting facts, measuring change, and promoting progress within South Carolina's education system.

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